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**Inmate Walk-A-Thon for Victims  
Saturday, April 19 at MCTC in Hagerstown**

***Check Will Be Presented to  
Md. Criminal Injuries Compensation Board***

TOWSON, MD (April 18, 2008)---Inmates who want to "pay back" society--and victims--- will be walking for a great cause on Saturday, April 19 at the Maryland Correctional Training Center in Hagerstown. More than 600 inmates have donated their own money, and obtained sponsorships from others, to present a check to the Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, the DPSCS agency that gives money to victims of serious crime to help pay their crime-caused expenses.

Some inmates began their walk today; the group was so large (more than 600), that the walk-a-thon had to be spread over a two-day period so as not to interfere with other scheduled inmate activities, and to allow all inmates who signed up to participate.

Upon completion of the walk-a-thon Saturday---***which is expected to be late morning or early afternoon---*** the inmates will present a check to Robin Woolford, the Executive Director of the Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

Mr. Woolford himself is a victim, having been shot and left for dead during a robbery in 1975 in Annapolis. His family at the time was told he would likely not survive, and that if by some miracle he did, he would never walk or have full mental capacities again. Today, Mr. Woolford, despite permanent and serious injuries, is an energetic and inspirational victims' advocate who maintains a busy schedule of working and speaking to inmates and victims' rights groups across the region and the nation.

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**National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 13-19**

**“Every Victim, Every Time”**